

## **Chapter 8: Medical Emergencies**

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### **A. Summoning Medical Personnel**

Death, Unconsciousness, Severe Medical Problems or Injuries:

1. Immediately call the emergency number \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Be precise in stating your exact location.
3. Do not hang up. Let emergency personnel end the conversation. They may have questions to ask or special information to give about what can be done until help arrives.
4. Send the nearest available person to await the arrival of the emergency vehicle and to direct medical personnel to the patient.

Minor Injuries

5. Direct or assist the injured party to local medical services, if necessary.
6. If the injury is sufficiently minor, administer first aid.

Rhode Island has a Good Samaritan Law. The law states:

No person who voluntarily and gratuitously renders emergency assistance to a person in need thereof shall be liable for civil damages, which result from acts or omission by such persons rendering the emergency care, which may constitute ordinary negligence. This immunity does not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross negligence or willful conduct.  
(RIGL 9.1-2.7.1)